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## County School Commencement to be Held Here on Next Friday.

THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN EXPECTED FROM ALL PARTS OF COUNTY; ADDRESS OF REV. MILLARD A. JENKINS OF ASHEVILLE TO FOLLOW LONG STREET PARADE; VALUABLE PRIZES OFFERED WINNING CONTESTANTS.

Arrangements have been perfected for the first annual Henderson county commencement, which will be held in Hendersonville on May 14.

Indications point to a large attendance and very interesting exercises, including athletic and literary contests.

The Hendersonville County Teachers association held its last regular meeting last Saturday and decided upon final details of the commencement, which promises to be the most inspiring educational event ever held in Henderson county.

The county commencement means that elaborate annual exercises on the part of the Hendersonville school will be dispensed with.

Valuable prizes have been offered to stimulate interest in the many events to be held.

The commencement has been talked of widely over the county and efforts have been made to enlist the co-operation of all teachers and school committees to make the event a great success.

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the monument." An interesting feature of the commencement will be the address of Rev. Millard A. Jenkins of Asheville.

Hendersonville School. The annual commencement sermon of the Hendersonville school will be delivered at the First Baptist church by Rev. K. W. Cawthon next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, the subject being, "A Time to Work."

The exercises of the graduating class will be held in connection with the high schools of the county on Friday night at the court house.

The parade will begin at 10:30 at the monument, Prof. Shittle to have charge of order of parade, which will be led by brass band, followed by the County Board of Education and Hendersonville school trustees. The March will proceed to Ninth avenue and return to the court house, where Rev. Millard A. Jenkins will deliver an educational address.

## Prof. G. C. Briggs is Elected Superintendent of City Schools to Succeed Supt. W. H. Cale

The trustees of the Hendersonville graded school met Tuesday night and accepted the resignation of Supt. W. H. Cale and elected Prof. G. C. Briggs of Waynesville, formerly of Judson college, Hendersonville, superintendent to succeed Professor Cale.

The trustees had purposed to elect teachers for the school for the coming year but the press of other business caused postponement of this matter.

As stated in last week's issue of the

of trustees for some time.

Prof. Cale has been teaching a number of periods each day and he felt that he could not do his position justice unless relieved of some or all of this work. The trustees did not have available funds with which to employ additional help.

A petition bearing a large number of signatures was presented, asking for the election of Miss Bessie Steedman, now principal of the school, to the position of superintendent. Miss Steedman was not an applicant for the position. In considering this petition the board expressed fear that the duties of the position would be so heavy as to tax Miss Steedman and not wishing to burden her in this respect the petition was not granted.

While Professor Briggs is not acquainted with the younger generation of Hendersonville, he holds a warm place in the friendship of many of the older people of this community.

Soon after finishing college Prof. Briggs accepted a position as teacher under Principal Boone of Judson college, which at that time was one of the strongest educational institutions in Western Carolina. This was about the year 1878 or '80. During his stay in Hendersonville he taught many of the people of this section.

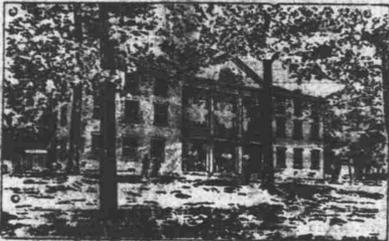
After leaving Hendersonville Prof. Briggs taught in the state of Missouri for about thirteen years. For a number of years he was editor and owner of the Waynesville Courier, which he sold about two years ago. Since that time it is understood that he has been teaching in Waynesville.

Prof. Briggs is a brother of Prof. J. W. Briggs at Balfour and an uncle of Miss Mamie Briggs, teacher of the first grade of the Hendersonville graded school.



SUPT. W. H. CALE.

Democrat, the resignation of Professor Cale, who has served as superintendent for four years, has been in the hands of the secretary of the board



Judson college, where Prof. Briggs taught in his younger days.

## MINISTER WILL DRAW MORAL LESSONS FROM CURRENT EVENTS.

Rev. K. W. Cawthon Tries Method of Touching Upon Moral Phases of Current Events in Pulpit.

Church-goers who attend the Sunday evening services at the First Baptist church will enjoy the privilege of hearing Pastor K. W. Cawthon draw a moral lesson from current events, local and otherwise.

Mr. Cawthon has announced that at each morning service he will announce the current event to be touched upon in his sermon on the night following.

Judging from the size of the congregation last Sunday night, following the announcement at the morning service that he would in the course of his sermon touch upon the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine, this method will result in increased church attendance and probably the focusing of closer attention to the sermons. The congregation was probably the largest ever known for the Baptist church except in cases of a special or union services.

In his remarks concerning the destruction of the Lusitania, Pastor Cawthon pointed out that the passengers had ample warning before they



REV. K. W. CAWTHON, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Will Draw Moral Lessons From Current Events for Sunday Night Sermons.

went aboard at New York but by reason of their unbelief they failed to take heed and as a result more than 1200 lives were lost in the war zone established by Germany. He added that the people of Hendersonville had received repeated warnings with

## HISTORY OF HOSPITAL AND A PLEA FOR MORE LOYAL SUPPORT.

Publicity Committee Prepares Statement Concerning Hospital Work and Pleas for Its Support.

As a monument to the persistent and faithful efforts of a few women, the Patton Memorial hospital stands, a tangible evidence of noble purpose fulfilled.

When a number of ladies of this city became convinced that some means should be provided for the care of the sick who were unable to procure proper medical attention and nursing, they met, November 23, 1905, to discuss ways and means of meeting this need. But none of them realized how far-reaching the effects of that meeting were destined to be.

At that time an organization was effected and officers elected. At first the society was called the "Flower Mission." Later, as the scope of its usefulness broadened, the Hendersonville Hospital association.

A charter was obtained for this association in 1911, and the physicians of the town joined, making the organization stronger and conferring upon it by their membership a dignity and greater usefulness than hitherto enjoyed.

The need of a building suitable for hospital purposes was urgent, and in January, 1912, a mass meeting was called to convene at the court house. At that meeting \$3,000.00 was pledged to build a hospital.

The lot upon which to build was the generous gift of Mrs. Annie Patton whose name the hospital bears.

The hospital was built and opened to the public, July 21st, 1912. It is situated in the northern part of town on the Asheville road, and commands a view of a wide range of mountains, and while within the town limits, it is surrounded by large tracts of wooded and cleared land, giving the patients the advantage of pure country and unobstructed views of the scenery.

The various rooms have been furnished by interested friends and accented by the Reed room, furnished by Mrs. C. R. Whitaker as a memorial to her parents.

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reference to their soul's salvation but because of their unbelief they would not accept Christ and that unless they change their course in life there will be the loss of many souls now in the danger zone.

Mr. Cawthon says that a moral lesson is wrapped up in most all current events and that for a while he will strive to point out some of them to his congregation in the hope of doing good.

## Grand Lodge of North Carolina Odd Fellows Convenes Here Next Tuesday.

OPENING SESSION NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT; ADDRESSES OF WELCOME BY J. E. SHIPMAN, M. L. SHIPMAN AND MRS. HATTIE R. WHITAKER; 500 ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS EXPECTED.

Hendersonville is preparing to extend the glad hand of welcome to the 72nd annual session of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which will convene here next Tuesday for a session of three days.

It is expected that about 500 delegates will be in attendance upon the meeting of the Odd Fellows and that of the Rebekah assembly.

The "Great White Way" will be in

o'clock the Swannanoa Rebekah lodge of Asheville will confer the Rebekah degree. It is expected that about 200 candidates will be initiated.

It is announced that all past grandmasters who desire to take the Grand Lodge degree may get a certificate from the secretary of the Ochlawa lodge, showing that they are entitled to receive the degree.

The headquarters of the Grand



BROWNLOW JACKSON.

Who Will Preside Over the Opening Session of the Grand Lodge.

all its summer splendor and in order to give the city the appearance of a celebration the Hendersonville Merchants association has endorsed the movement looking to the decoration of the places of business in the city.

The public is invited to attend the opening session on Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock at the court house.

The meeting will be presided over by Brownlow Jackson.

Following music by the Hendersonville band, Grand Chaplain, Rev. Z. Paris, will lead in prayer.

The address of welcome on behalf of the city will be delivered by J. E. Shipman and the address of welcome on behalf of the Ochlawa lodge, No. 161, of Hendersonville, will be delivered by Grand Representative M. L. Shipman.

The response on behalf of the Odd Fellows will be given by Grand Master W. F. Evans.

Mrs. Hattie R. Whitaker, past president of International association, will deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the Rebekahs, the response being rendered by the president, Mrs. Cora Littleton.

Immediately after the public session of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, the doors will be closed to all except the members and the Odd Fellows will get down to business at the court house while the Rebekahs will retire to the Odd Fellows hall for their business session.

Will Confer Rebekah Degree, On Wednesday evening at 8:30

Lodge will be at the St. John hotel while the Rebekahs will make headquarters at the Kentucky Home.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Hendersonville have been working faithfully with the view to making the session a pleasant and profitable one and no effort has been spared on their part to make the event a great success.



M. L. SHIPMAN, Who Will Deliver Address of Welcome on Behalf of Odd Fellows at the Grand Lodge.

## BIG FREE HEALTH EXHIBITS HERE FROM JUNE 2 TO 8.

Instructive Health Exhibits From Georgia, Florida and Two Carolinas to be Shown Here.

The big free health exhibits of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, will be in Hendersonville from June 2 to June 8.

It is seldom that any city has the opportunity to show the combined health exhibits of so many States.

Nearly everything pertaining to public health will be shown and each subject will be fully explained.

Dr. J. F. Cranford is planning to have "county day" on June 5, and although the exhibits will be open at all times for every one he is endeavoring to make a special day for the country people.

On Monday, June 7, the exhibits will be open to colored people only.

The Woman's Club Co-Operates. The Woman's club of Hendersonville has added the civic feature to its plans and is co-operating with Dr. Cranford in the effort to make the free health exhibits a success. This is the club's first effort towards civic betterment, though it expects to enlarge its plans materially in the future.

The exhibits will be held in and will be open from 9 to 12 o'clock in the forenoon and from 2 to 6 in the afternoon.

Free lantern pictures on flies and tuberculosis will be given each night from 8 to 10 o'clock.

As this is the first exhibit of the kind ever shown in Hendersonville the city health officer wishes to make it a great success and hopes to have the co-operation of every man woman and child in Hendersonville.



Court House, where Commencement Exercises Will be Held.

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A basket dinner will be served. The office of Supt. Shittle will be used for taking care of the lunch baskets.

Athletic Contests. The athletic contest will begin at 1 o'clock at Laurel park. The schools and visitors will re-assemble at the court house at 3 o'clock for the recitation and declamation contest. Prizes and medals will be awarded as follows:

The Prizes. One ten dollar prize for the school that enters the largest per cent of its district census in the parade. One five dollar prize for the school that brings the best all-round exhibit. One medal for the best declamation and one medal for the best recitation.

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## GERMANS TORPEDO BRITISH SHIP; 1216 PERSONS DROWN.

Cunard Liner Lusitania Sunk by German Submarine Friday; 188 Americans Aboard; Wilson Deliberates

London, May 8.—Latest estimates indicate that 1,216 persons lost their lives in the sinking of the Cunard liner Lusitania by a German submarine yesterday off Old Head Kinsale, Ireland. There were a total of 1,919 persons aboard the ship and the total of known survivors is 703. Sixty nine of the 188 Americans abroad have been reported rescued.

London, May 7.—The Cunard steamer Lusitania, with 1,253 passengers, was torpedoed this afternoon at 2 o'clock, ten miles off Old Head, Kinsale, Ireland, and later sank.

Struck by Two Torpedoes. Queenstown, May 8, 10:10 a. m.—The tug Storm Cock has returned here bringing about 150 survivors of the Lusitania, principally passengers, among whom were many women, several of the crew, and one steward. The steward said he feared 900 lives were lost in the sinking of the Lusitania.

Describing the experience of the Lusitania, the steward said: "The passengers were at lunch when a submarine came up and fired two torpedoes, which struck the Lusitania on the starboard side, one forward and the other engine room. They caused the explosions."

"Captain immediately ordered the boats out. The ship began to list badly immediately."

"Ten boats were put into the water and between 400 and 500 passengers entered them. The boat in which I was, approached the land with three other boats, and we were picked up shortly after 4 o'clock by the Storm Cock."

Observance of Rules of Warfare to be Demanded by United States.

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson had virtually decided tonight on the first step in the policy which the United States government will pursue as a result of the sinking of the British liner Lusitania with the

loss of more than a hundred American lives.

The president will act promptly—within another day or two. A draft of a communication to be sent to Germany was submitted to the cabinet today and approved unanimously. While no official announcement was made, it was learned that the United States would present and insist upon an explanation of the series of incidents which have occurred since the proclamation of a war zone around the British Isles, the sinking of the Falaba, causing the death of Leon C. Thresher, an American citizen, an attack by German airmen on the American steamer Cushing, the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulfight and many the destruction without warning of the Lusitania, with a toll of more than a thousand lives.

Unmistakable Terms. In what are described by those familiar with the document as firm and unmistakable terms, the president voices the intense feeling of the United States over these happenings, and in the name of international law demands an adherence by Germany to the established rules of maritime warfare.

The note asks that some assurances or guarantee be given that hereafter unarmed merchant vessels carrying non-combatants be visited and searched when encountered on the high seas by the German navy and passengers and crew transferred to a place of safety before any prize is destroyed.

Sailed in Face of Warning. The Lusitania, with a total of 1,251 passengers aboard, of whom 188 were Americans and with a crew of 816, sailed from New York last Saturday in the face of a warning published on the day of her departure by the German Embassy, which asserted that travelers intending to embark on British ships did so at the risk of the ships being destroyed in accordance with the German war zone decree.

This warning, published as an advertisement, did not result in the cancellation of a single passage, nor did anonymous notes of warning, said to

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